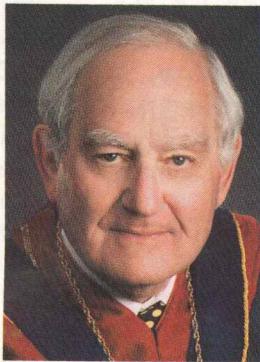




# Clinical Congress News

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## Welcome



Alexander J. Walt,  
MD, FACS, President

**O**n behalf of the Board of Regents, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to the Crescent City for the 81st Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons.

The Clinical Congress is the world's largest educational meeting for surgeons in all specialties. Total attendance, including other health care professionals, scientific and industrial exhibitors, members of the press, and invited guests, is expected to exceed 17,000.

Under the direction of Chairman Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS, the College's Program Committee has planned an outstanding, timely program. Activities formally begin at 9:30 on Monday morning. Claude H. Organ, Jr., MD, FACS, will deliver the Opening Ceremony Lecture, entitled "Charles Richard Drew: A Doyen of American Surgery." Immediately following the opening ceremonies, the full program of general and specialty sessions will commence.

Invited distinguished presenters at this Congress include Joseph E. Murray, MD, FACS, the American Urological Association lecturer, who will speak on "The Joy and Solace of Surgery"; Joel D. Cooper, MD, FACS, the John H. Gibbon lecturer, who will discuss "Surgery for Advanced Pulmonary Disease—Volume Reduction and Transplantation"; Frank L. Mitchell, Jr., MD, FACS, the Scudder orator, who will address "Verification—The Pursuit of Optimal Care"; James F. Childress, PhD, the Ethics and Philosophy lecturer, who will explore "The Gift of Life: Ethical Issues in Organ Transplantation"; Leroy E. Hood, MD, PhD, the I.S. Ravdin lecturer, who will discuss "Biotechnology and the Human Genome Project: Catalyzing a Revolution in Medicine of the 21st Century"; and John Rowe, MD, the Martin Memorial lecturer, who will speak on "Controlling Health Care Expenditures at the End of Life."

The week's meetings and activities will culminate with the awarding of Fellowship in the College to over 1,600 Initiates at the Convocation ceremonies on Thursday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Riverside Hotel.

The Clinical Congress is unquestionably the hallmark event of this organization, and it remains a testament to the dedication, organizational ability, foresight, and cooperation of the College staff, committees, and attendees.

Let me personally thank all those individuals who make this meeting happen, and extend to each attendee my best wishes for a productive meeting.



Above: The historic Jackson Square in the French Quarter, where local artists gather and distant tourists perambulate. Whereas New Orleans' atmosphere should whet Congress attendees' epicurean appetites, the College hopes that their hunger for knowledge will be sated after the week's many and informative scientific sessions. (Photo by Chuck Giorno Photography)

## Opening lecture honors Charles Drew

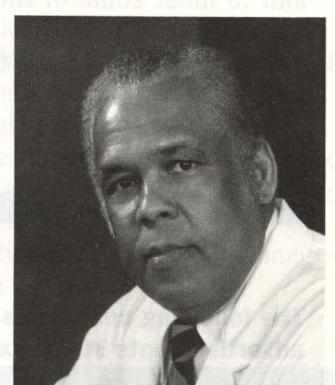
**A**t 9:30 am on Monday, during the Opening Ceremony of the 1995 Clinical Congress, Claude H. Organ, Jr., MD, FACS, will present a lecture on "Charles Richard Drew: A Doyen of American Surgery."

Dr. Organ is professor, department of surgery, University of California, Davis, and chairman, University of California, Davis-East Bay Program, Oakland, CA. Dr. Organ, a native of Marshall, TX, received a BS from Xavier University (1948), and an MD and MS (surgery) from Creighton University School of Medicine. Dr. Organ completed his graduate training there and spent more than 20 years in the department of surgery. From 1982 to 1988, he was professor of surgery at the University of Oklahoma, and in 1988 assumed his present position at the University of California.

A prolific author and lecturer, and a member of numerous medical societies, Dr. Organ is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the ACS Northern California Chapter, and serves as editor of the *Archives of Surgery*, a member of the editorial board of *JAMA*, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society's *The Pharos*, and the *Australian*

and *New Zealand Journal of Surgery*.

Of his chosen lecture topic, Dr. Organ has said, "Charles Richard Drew represents the best of American and Canadian surgical education. His seminal work at Columbia University on blood banking thrust him onto the international scene at an early age. Only the most sedulous of students could have simultaneously been a resident in surgery and a doctoral candidate. Drew's loyalty to Howard University led him to return to this institution where he devoted his considerable talents to the training of African-American surgeons. His untimely death has led to a series of calumnious reports by the news media. The legacy and myths of Charles Drew are a remarkable part of American history."



Dr. Organ

# College publishes practice management manual

**S**urgeons who are entering practice today face numerous challenges. Concerns about practicing good medicine and maintaining quality relationships with patients and peers often must take a back seat to the dynamics of an ever-changing health care environment in which the surgeon must operate. Many of the challenges facing young surgeons today lie not in the realm of science, but in the socio-economic and business arenas.

In an effort to address a lack of easily accessible, up-to-date information on practice management issues, the American College of Surgeons announces the publication of the manual *Practice Management for the Young Surgeon*. Edited by Charles D. Mabry, MD, FACS, and Irving L. Kron, MD, FACS, the manual was written by authors—many of whom are surgeons—who have expertise in the areas that most challenge the newest members of the surgical profession.

The manual is not intended to be an encyclopedic work on practice management; rather, it is designed to be a

practical guide to practice selection and the business side of surgical practice. Additionally, throughout the text there are numerous references to selected books, articles, and educational courses that will be helpful to the interested reader.

Although the College intends this manual to be a useful reference primarily for younger surgeons, it hopes that it will be of interest to all Fellows.

The 116-page manual is divided into four major sections:

(1) *The Surgical Marketplace*: "Integrated Health Care: Where Do Surgeons Fit?" by Bruce E. Spivey, MD, FACS; "Evaluating the Marketplace," by Robert D. Brickman, MD, JD, FACS; "Determining Potential Competition/Need in Practice Area," by George Conomikos; and "Credentialing," by Sidney Tolchin, MD, FACS.

(2) *Choosing a Practice*: "Choosing a Partner or Practice," by James A. Anderson, MD, FACS; "Should I Join a Group Practice?" by Stephen K. Plume, MD, FACS; "The Health Maintenance Organization," by Gary M.

Ferguson, MD, FACS; "Government Practice: Department of Veterans Affairs," by Martha D. McDaniel, MD, FACS; "Military Medicine," by Col. David P. Jaques, MD, FACS; "Academic Practice," by Irving L. Kron, MD, FACS; "Moving from Academics to Private Practice," by E. Christopher Ellison, MD, FACS; "Traditional Solo and Group Practice: Practical Guidelines for the Young Surgeon," by Cheryl L. Toth and Charles D. Mabry, MD, FACS; "Accounting for a Surgical Practice," by Charles D. Mabry, MD, FACS; "Insurance Coding and Processing," by Jacqueline R. Leopold; "Collections for a Surgical Practice: A Surgeon's Viewpoint," by Charles D. Mabry, MD, FACS; "Billing and Collections," by Jacqueline R. Leopold; "Distribution of Practice Revenue, Workloads, and Work Incentives," by George Conomikos; and "Personnel Management" and "Are You Ready for the ADA?" by Alan Luba.

(3) *Legal and Contractual Issues*, by Paul G. Gebhard, JD, and W. Kenneth Davis, Jr., JD.

(4) *Personal Financial Management*

*for Young Surgeons*: "Introduction," by Hugh H. Trout III, MD, FACS; and "Managing Your Personal Finances," by Charles D. Mabry, MD, FACS.

Members of the editorial committee who worked on the development of this manual are: Irving L. Kron, MD, FACS (member, Committee on Young Surgeons); Edward R. Laws, Jr., MD, FACS (member, Board of Regents); Charles W. Logan, MD, FACS (member, Board of Governors); Margaret L. Longo, MD, FACS (member, Board of Regents); Charles D. Mabry, MD, FACS (member, Committee on Young Surgeons); Hugh H. Trout III, MD, FACS (member, Board of Governors); and Linn Meyer (Director, ACS Communications Department).

Copies of *Practice Management for the Young Surgeon* may be obtained for \$20 each in the general registration area where the *Owen H. Wangenstein Surgical Forum* is sold, or by contacting the Communications Department at College headquarters.

## Ninth edition of SESAP premieres this week

**T**he all-new ninth edition of the Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program (SESAP) '96-'98 premieres this week in the registration area at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Visitors to the exhibit will have the opportunity to view the updated program in all three of its formats (book, diskette, and CD-ROM) and to meet some of the SESAP authors.

SESAP '96-'98 offers 650 multiple

choice items (MCIs) in 17 core categories. Each item is thoroughly critiqued and refined by seven committees, each comprised of six surgeons who represent a range of clinical and academic environments, general surgery and surgical specialties, and practices from every region of the United States and Canada. Two years of collaborative evaluation and discussion were spent to ensure that SESAP is the definitive reference for surgeons.

SESAP may be especially valuable for those physicians who are preparing for certification or recertification in general surgery. According to David M. Heimbach, MD, FACS, Chairman of the Committee on Continuing Education, which oversees the SESAP process, "SESAP is not the only way to prepare for boards, but it is certainly the most fun."

The diskette and CD-ROM formats of SESAP are available in both Macintosh and IBM/compatibles with

Windows™ platforms. The computer versions incorporate all of the illustrations in an easy-to-use, context-sensitive interface.

SESAP '96-'98 is offered for enrollment from October 1995 until October 1998, and it may be used for continuing medical education (CME) credit through December 31, 1998. Participants who return their assessment materials to the College for scoring receive 60 Category 1 CME credits.

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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Fellows Leadership Society

## Dr. and Mrs. Woods to receive philanthropy award

The Fellows Leadership Society (FLS) will hold its seventh annual luncheon on Monday beginning at 11:30 am in the Grand Ballroom of the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel. The luncheon will feature the presentation of the 1995 ACS Distinguished Philanthropist Award to Scott W. Woods, MD, FACS, and his wife, Bette.

Dr. and Mrs. Woods have long been supporters of the College's efforts to promote education and research programs through its development programs. In 1992, they established a charitable remainder unitrust and designated the College as one of 10 beneficiaries to receive an initial gift of

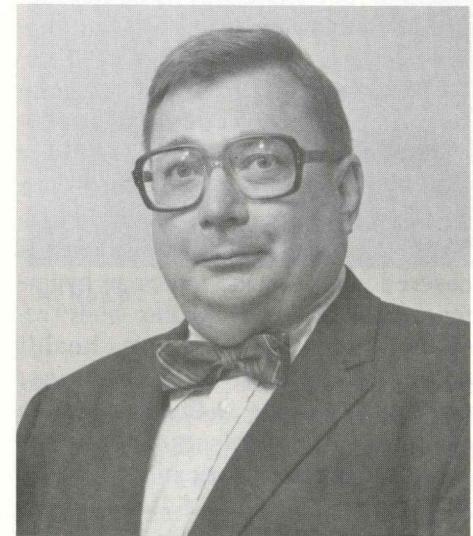
\$100,000. Dr. Woods has been a Fellow since 1963, and has served as an ACS Governor representing the Midwest Surgical Association.

Another highlight of the FLS luncheon will be the acknowledgment of Fellows and friends of the College who have supported the Development Program with extraordinarily generous contributions at the following giving levels: Second Century Circle—\$500,000; Legacy Circle—\$100,000; Founder's Circle—\$75,000; President's Circle—\$50,000; and Regent's Circle—\$25,000.

The luncheon will also honor new Life Members of the Society, which currently is chaired by Lloyd D. MacLean, MD, FACS, Past-President of the Col-

lege. Opening remarks will be offered by Hugh H. Trout III, MD, FACS, who is Chairman of the ACS Committee on Development.

Previous Distinguished Philanthropist Award recipients are Armand Hammer, MD, the late chairman of Occidental Petroleum; John Conley, MD, FACS, who established an endowed lectureship on ethics; the Clowes Fund, which established the ACS Research Career Development Award; Oliver H. Beahrs, MD, FACS, Past-President of the College (1988-1989); Julius H. Jacobson II, MD, FACS, founder of the Jacobson Innovation Award; and the Islami family and Islami Foundation.



Dr. Woods

## Cancer Commission activities planned for Congress

The annual meeting of the Commission on Cancer (COC) will be held on Sunday, October 22, beginning at 3:00 pm at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside and Towers Hotel, Grand Salon D. The keynote address will be delivered by Samuel A. Wells, Jr., MD, FACS, Bixby Professor and chairman of the department of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO. Dr. Wells' address is "Molecular Genetics and the Surgeon."

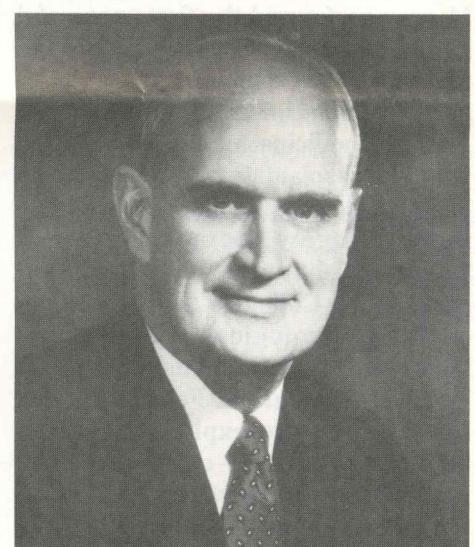
The Commission on Cancer is also sponsoring Postgraduate Course #10, entitled "Current Controversies in Cancer Management." The course will take place Monday through Wednes-

day, October 23-25, from 1:30 to 5:00 pm, and Thursday, October 26, from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon, in Meeting Room D3 of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The course will be chaired by J. Kirk Martin, Jr., MD, FACS, and Raphael E. Pollock, MD, FACS. The registration fee for this course is \$170 and includes a syllabus. PG #10 provides a timely evaluation of difficult oncology problems, including the management of uncommon ulcers (such as islet cell and carcinoid tumors, endocrine malignancies, gastrointestinal lymphomas, soft tissue sarcomas, and melanomas) and laparoscopic techniques.

On Wednesday, a symposium on gy-

necologic malignancies will be sponsored by the COC in La Nouvelle AB of the Morial Convention Center. The symposium, which runs from 8:00 to 10:30 am, will be moderated by Walter B. Jones, MD, FACS.

Also on Wednesday, Murray F. Brennan, MD, FACS; who is the Alfred P. Sloan Chair in Surgery and chairman of the department of surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, NY, will present the Commission on Cancer Oncology Lecture. Entitled "Management of Soft Tissue Sarcoma," the lecture will be from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm in La Nouvelle AB of the Morial Convention Center.



Dr. Wells

## Program Committee ensures timeliness

As this year's Clinical Congress gets under way, it seems appropriate to take a brief look at the College's Program Committee, which is responsible for the organization of the Clinical Congress.

The Program Committee was streamlined by the Board of Regents in 1989. It is now composed of six members, one of whom is a member of the Board of Regents and serves as its chair. The committee's current chairman for the 1996 Clinical Con-

gress in San Francisco, CA, is C. James Carrico, MD, FACS, Dallas, TX. The Program Committee is staffed by the Assembly Department of the College, under the direction of Gerald O. Strauch, MD, FACS.

In this compact form, the Program Committee has been able, over the past several years, to develop programs for the Clinical Congress that are dynamic, flexible, efficient, and timely. Previously, the program for the Clinical Congress was "cast in stone" a full year in advance; it is

now possible for Congress sessions to be incorporated into the program with relative ease, even a few months prior to a given Clinical Congress. In fact, this was the case with recent sessions on videoscopic surgery, ultrasound in the hands of surgeons, stereotactic breast biopsy, and a variety of socioeconomic issues. Sessions that are included in the program late in the year may not be included in some pre-Congress publicity or even in the official Program Book; however, if the content is felt

to be of sufficient importance, the sessions may nonetheless be held, with such publicity as can be accomplished within a shortened time frame.

The Program Committee officially meets twice annually, during the Clinical Congress and during the spring, but it can and does make decisions on very short notice, if necessary, because of its charge from the Board of Regents to keep the Clinical Congress timely, relevant, and "user-friendly."

# Congress features nine named lectures

Each year nine named lectures are offered during the Clinical Congress. A brief history of each lecture, as well as an update of this year's speakers and topics, follows.

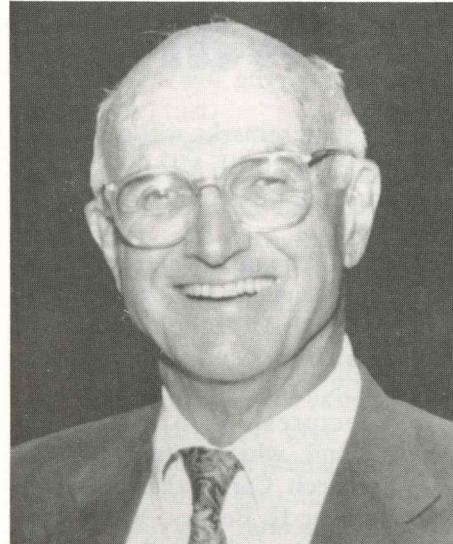
The **American Urological Association Lecture**, sponsored by that association, was first delivered in 1967 by Paul S. Russell, MD, FACS, who spoke on "Tissue Immunity and Organ Transplantation." Since then, the lecture has covered such diverse topics as hypertension, specialty relations, body responses to weightlessness, health problems in developing nations, workforce, and the National Institutes of Health. The Advisory Council for Urology submits nominations for the AUA Lecture to the ACS Board of Regents for approval.

On Monday at 10:15 am in the Convention Center, presenting the 1995 AUA Lecture will be Nobel Prize recipient Joseph E. Murray, MD, FACS, who will discuss "The Joy and Solace of Surgery." Dr. Murray is emeritus professor of surgery, Harvard Medical School, and emeritus chief of plastic surgery, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Children's Hospital Medical Center, Boston, MA. Among a multitude of contributions to medicine, Dr. Murray performed the first successful human renal transplant in 1954 and the first successful renal allograft in 1959. He is the co-recipient of the 1990 Nobel Prize in medicine for his work in the field of transplantation.

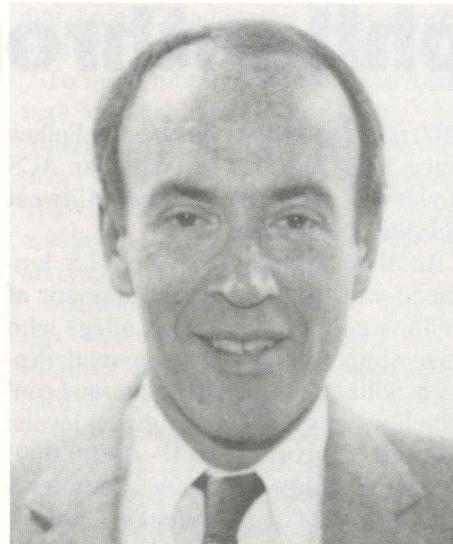
The **Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery Lecture (History of Surgery)** debuted in 1992. At the request of the College's Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery, this lectureship was established by the Board of Regents in February 1990. Its purpose is to explore the development and history of surgery. The first lecture was delivered by Dale C. Smith, PhD, of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. Dr. Smith discussed "Appendicitis, Appendectomy: The Development of Modern Surgery." The Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery submits nominations for the History of Surgery lecturer.

On Monday at 1:30 pm in the Convention Center, this year's Neurological Surgery Lecture, "The Evolution of Carotid Endarterectomy," will be presented by Lennard S. Wilson, MD.

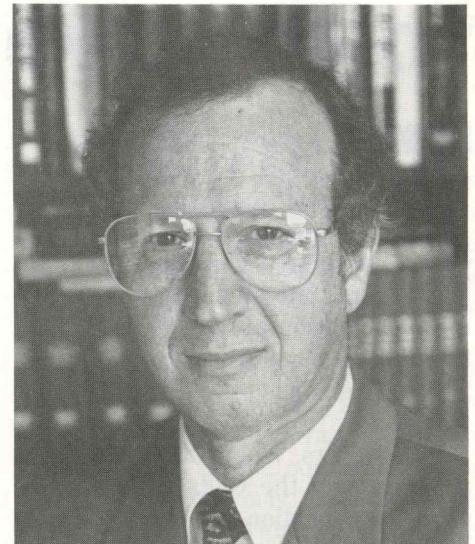
Dr. Wilson practices neurology in Missoula, MT, and has participated in studies of cerebrovascular disease for over 15 years. Regarding his lecture topic, Dr. Wilson said, "The treatment of carotid disease has been a controversy for 40 years, since the discovery of its clinical significance in the genesis of stroke. This lecture will discuss development of concepts that have led to present recommendations, both surgical and medical, for the treatment of symptomatic, as well as asymptomatic,



Dr. Murray



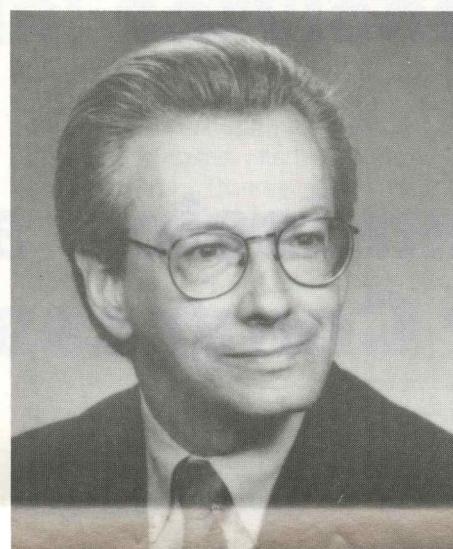
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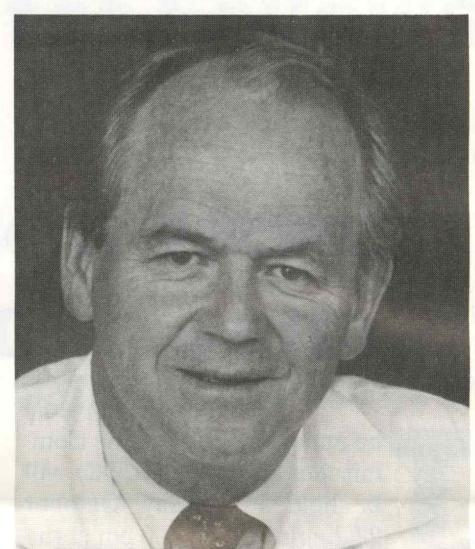
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Dr. Mitchell



Dr. Childress



Dr. Brennan

carotid disease."

The **John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture** was first delivered in 1971 by Michael E. DeBakey, MD, FACS, who spoke about "The Impact of the Development of the Heart-Lung Machine on Medicine and Its Potentialities." The lecture was established to honor Dr. Gibbon, a pioneer of modern open-heart surgery, who performed the world's first successful open-heart operation using a machine that totally bypassed the heart. The Advisory Council for Cardiothoracic Surgery submits nominations for the Gibbon lecturer.

On Monday at 3:30 pm in the Convention Center, this year's Gibbon Lecture will be presented by Joel D. Cooper, MD, FACS, who will discuss "Surgery for Advanced Pulmonary Disease: Volume Reduction and Transplantation." Dr. Cooper is the Joseph C. Bancroft Professor of Surgery and head, section of general thoracic surgery, division of cardiothoracic surgery, Washington University at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, MO. For more than 10 years, Dr. Cooper has served on the editorial board of *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*.

The **Scudder Oration on Trauma** honors Charles Locke Scudder, MD, FACS, an outstanding contributor to the surgery of trauma and to postgradu-

ate education in fractures and dislocations. In 1917, he organized the first fracture service in the United States.

In 1929, Dr. Scudder delivered the first Oration on Fractures at the Clinical Congress in Chicago, IL. As the scope of trauma surgery widened and the College's Committee on Fractures became the Committee on Trauma, the name of the lecture became the Oration on Trauma in 1952, and the Scudder Oration on Trauma in 1963. The ACS Committee on Trauma submits nominations for the Scudder lecturer.

On Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Convention Center, Frank L. Mitchell, Jr., MD, FACS, will deliver the 1995 Scudder Lecture, "Verification—The Pursuit of Optimal Care." Dr. Mitchell is director, Helicopter Medical Transport Program, University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics, and director, University of Missouri Managed Care Programs, Columbia, MO. Dr. Mitchell will discuss the ACS verification program, which, he says, "has set a standard for peer review, established the ACS *Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient* as the guideline for trauma center performance, and has brought consistency to a previously fragmented expectation of trauma center performance."

The **Ethics and Philosophy Lecture** debuted at the 1991 Clinical Congress in Chicago, IL. John Conley, MD, FACS, a New York otolaryngologist, donated \$100,000 to the College to endow a fund that would support this lecture. The lectureship is presented under the auspices of the ACS Committee on Ethics and the Advisory Council for Otolaryngology. Dr. Conley has stated, "I consider ethics and philosophy to be, in one sense, the essence of the medical profession. It is one of the things that has been buffeted about in the past 20 or 30 years, but that has not diminished its essentiality."

The first Ethics and Philosophy Lecture was presented by Leon R. Kass, MD, of the University of Chicago (IL), whose topic was, "I Will Give No Deadly Drug": Why Doctors Must Not Kill."

On Wednesday at 9:00 am in the Convention Center, this year's Ethics Lecture will be presented by James F. Childress, PhD, who will examine "The Gift of Life: Ethical Issues in Organ Transplantation." Dr. Childress is the Edwin B. Kyle Professor of religious studies and professor of medical education at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. He is also co-director of the Virginia Health Policy Re-

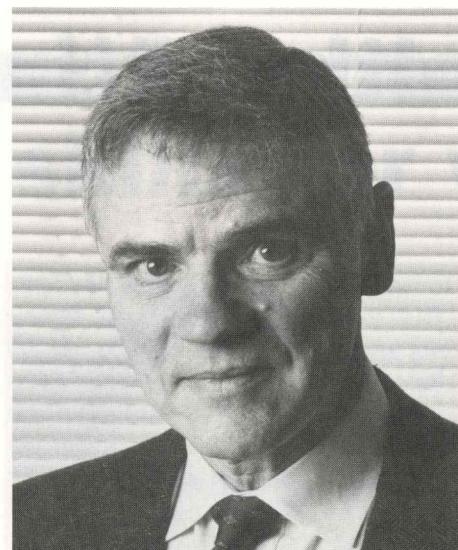
search Center. Dr. Childress has served on the board of directors of the United Network for Organ Sharing and the Biomedical Ethics Advisory Committee.

The **Commission on Cancer Oncology Lectureship** was first delivered at the 1988 Clinical Congress. The establishment of the Cancer Lecture was approved by the College's Board of Regents in June of 1987. The purpose of the lecture is to present current major developments in the field of oncology and to emphasize the role of the surgeon in the care of the cancer patient. The lecturer, who is chosen by the Commission on Cancer, is considered a leader in the field of oncology who has done outstanding work in laboratory research, clinical research, or cancer management.

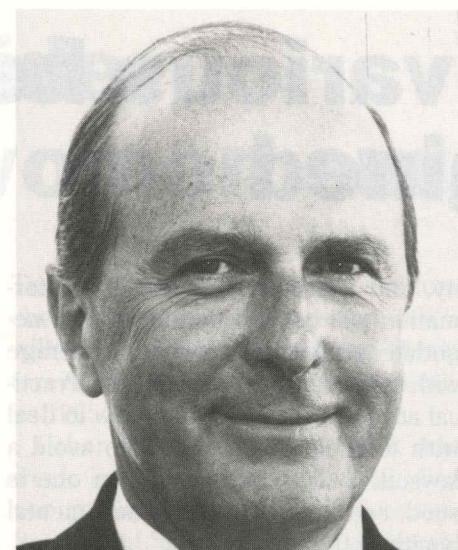
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In Wednesday's lecture, Dr. Murray will address seven areas that have relevance for the surgeon. Based on a 20-year study of over 2,000 patients, his lecture will examine soft tissue sarcoma as a prototype for issues such as predisposing risk factors, evaluation and application of prognostic factors, natural history, cost containment, treatment of disease for "maximum benefit/minimum investment," and adjuvant therapy. The importance of surgical leadership in the management of the cancer patient will be a dominant theme.

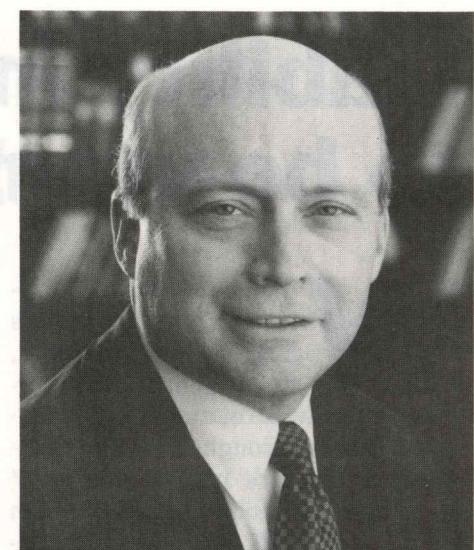
The **I. S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences**, sponsored by the I. S.



**Dr. Hood**



**Dr. Borst**



**Dr. Rowe**

Ravdin Surgical Society, was first delivered in 1964 and honors Dr. Ravdin, who served as President of the American College of Surgeons from 1960 to 1961. The lecture was established by the Board of Regents, who believed that it was "essential that knowledge in the basic sciences which would support surgery should be presented to the Fellowship." The ACS Pre- and Postoperative Care Committee submits nominations for the Ravdin lecturer.

On Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Convention Center, Leroy E. Hood, MD, PhD, will deliver this year's Ravdin Lecture, "Biotechnology and the Human Genome Project: Catalyzing a Revolution in Medicine of the 21st Century." Dr. Hood is the William Gates III Professor and chairman, department of molecular biotechnology, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA. He is also director, NSF Science and Technology Center for Molecular Biotechnology, California Institute of Technology. Dr. Hood serves on the editorial boards of *Journal of Molecular Evolution, Structure, Function and Genetics, Clinical Immunology and Immunopathology, Genomics, Biotechniques, and Current Opinion in Biotechnology*.

The **Distinguished Lecture of the International Society of Surgery (ISS)** was established by the Board of Regents in June 1990 to honor distinguished international surgeons. The first lecture was presented at the 1992 Congress by Sir Roy Calne, MB, FACS(Hon), of the University of Cambridge, England, who spoke about organ transplantation.

On Wednesday at 3:00 pm in the Convention Center Hans Borst, MD, FACS(Hon), will deliver this year's ISS lecture, "Aortic Dissection—A Multidisciplinary Challenge." Professor Borst is chairman of the department of surgery and head of the division of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at the medical school of the Technical University of Hannover, Germany. Dr. Borst has made numerous contributions to the field of cardiothoracic surgery, and particularly to the field of thoracic aortic surgery, in which he is recognized as a pioneer.

The **Martin Memorial Lecture** was

established in 1946 by the Board of Regents to honor the memory of Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS, founder of the College, as well as his wife, Isabelle Hollister Martin. The specific topic of the lecture is to be of the author's own choosing on any cultural subject. The Honors Committee of the ACS Board of Regents selects the Martin Memorial lecturer.

On Thursday at 3:15 pm in the Convention Center, John Rowe, MD, will present this year's Martin Memorial Lecture on "Controlling Health Care Expenditures at the End of Life." Dr. Rowe is president of The Mount Sinai School of Medicine and the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY. He is also professor of medicine and of geriatrics and adult development at Mount Sinai. Dr. Rowe is also the director of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Successful Aging, a member of the Board of Scientific Advisors, Alliance for Aging Research, and serves on the board of trustees of the Center for the Advancement of Health. He currently serves on the editorial board of *Geriatrics*.

## Program Changes

Listed below are program changes made since publication of the official Program Book.

### General Sessions

Roland Folse, MD, FACS, will replace Alexander J. Walt, MD, FACS, as speaker in the Tuesday morning panel discussion sponsored by the Committee on Surgical Education in Medical Schools. The title of Dr. Folse's remarks is "From Habit to Innovation."

The title of the Tuesday afternoon Papers Session presentation by Craig D. Shriver, MD, has been changed to "Abdominal CT Scans Prior to Colon Cancer Resection Are Not Indicated if Serum CEA Is Normal: Data from 1,321 Patients in the 144 DoD Hospitals."

Mitchell P. Fink, MD, FACS, will replace Robert H. Demling, MD, FACS,

as discussant for the Tuesday afternoon Papers Session paper entitled "A Prospective Randomized Study of End-Points of Resuscitation after Major Trauma: Global Oxygen Transport Indices versus Organ-Specific Gastric Mucosal pH."

David S. Klimstra, MD, New York, NY, is an additional author on Tuesday afternoon's Papers Sessions presentation, "Primary Duodenal Adenocarcinoma: A Ten-Year Experience with 79 Patients."

### Postgraduate Courses

John A. Weigelt, MD, FACS, will moderate the Tuesday morning session on "Gastrointestinal: Pediatrics: Breast" of Postgraduate Course No. 20 (Preview of SESAP '96-'98), and Erwin R. Thal, MD, FACS, will moderate the Wednesday morning session on "Cancer: Vas-

cular: Nutrition."

### Motion Picture Sessions

Extensive title changes have been made in the Tuesday and Wednesday Ciné Clinic sessions. Please refer to the Ciné-Med brochure available at the session for revised videotape titles.

An additional videotape will be presented in the Monday morning Subject-Oriented Symposium on Sphincter-Saving Procedures: "Proctectomy with Total Mesorectal Excision and Low Stapled Colorectal Anastomosis for the Treatment of Mid-Rectal Cancers," by R. J. Heald, MD, Basingstoke, UK.

Robert J. Cerfolio, MD, and Roger L. Click, MD, Rochester, MN, are coauthors of the Monday afternoon Cardiac Surgery videotape entitled "Surgery for Cardiac Complications of

Hypereosinophilia Syndrome."

Marion F. Brown, MD, Chattanooga, TN, is coauthor of the Monday afternoon Cardiac Surgery videotape entitled "Preoperative Vein Mapping of Coronary Bypass Operation."

"Laparoscopic Vagotomy in 57 Cases, Four Years Follow-up: Comparing Posterior Truncal Anterior Highly Selective to Complete E.H.S.V." is the revised title of a Monday afternoon General Surgery videotape.

Narendra Sastry, MD, and Mark Weston, MD, Tampa, FL, are coauthors of the Monday afternoon Cardiac Surgery videotape entitled "Complete Repair of Severe Tricuspid Regurgitation, Patent Foramen Ovale and Paradoxical Embolus in a Transplanted Heart."

# Liability in various health settings to be examined

With major changes rapidly occurring in today's health care environment, it is important for surgeons to be aware of new areas of physician liability brought about by managed health care plans, physician/hospital organizations (PHOs), health care alliances (HCAs), practice guidelines, and so forth. This week the ACS Regental Committee on Professional Liability will sponsor Postgraduate (PG) Course #19 and a panel discussion to consider the impact of these changes on the practicing surgeon.

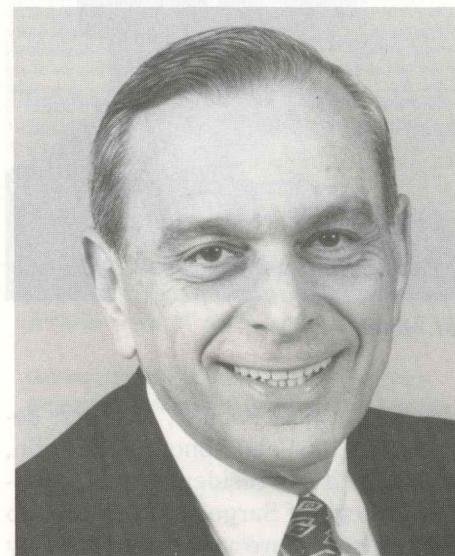
PG #19, entitled "Professional Liability and Risk Management in a Changing Health Care Environment," will be held Monday through Wednesday, October 23-25, in Meeting Room 61-63 of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Barry M. Manuel, MD, FACS, will serve as chairman.

The course will address new areas of physician liability, such as indemnification (hold-harmless) clauses in managed care contracts, liability for denial of care, liability for delay of care, gatekeeper liability, peer review liabil-

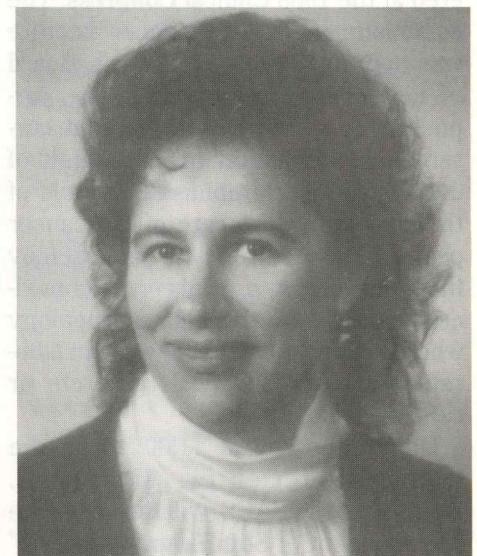
ity, and administrative liability. Information will be provided on how to negotiate professional liability coverage with HMOs, PHOs, and HCAs. Practical advice will be given on how to deal with difficult patients, how to avoid a lawsuit, how to proceed when one is sued, and how to protect one's mental health in the process.

A mock trial will be held again this year in conjunction with the course; the trial will be held on Monday and will examine a case of denial of care, with both the physician and managed care company being sued. A jury will be selected to evaluate whether a defendant physician and/or managed care company have committed medical malpractice. Courtroom techniques, procedures, and legal jargon will be demonstrated to help ease the stress that a physician encounters when facing a courtroom appearance. Dr. Manuel and Sharon P. Stiller, JD, are coordinators of the mock trial, with Hon. William H. Bristol, JD, serving as judge.

A panel discussion entitled "To Do, to Refer, or to Protest in Managed



Dr. Manuel



Dr. Adelman

Care—The Liability Considerations" will be held on Tuesday from 8:30 to 10:00 am in MR 61-63 of the Morial Convention Center. Susan Hershberg Adelman, MD, FACS, Southfield, MI, will serve as moderator for the panel.

Topics to be discussed and panelists are the following: "After Wickline: How Much to Protest and How to Document

It," by Kirk Johnson, JD, Chicago, IL; "Liabilities Associated with Health Care Plan Requirements to Only Refer In-Network," by Aynah Askanas, JD, San Francisco, CA; and "Liability for the General Surgeon When Pressured by a Managed Care Plan to Do Subspecialist Procedures," by Ronald Bangasser, MD, Yucaipa, CA.



Be sure to visit the ACS Resource Center, which is located in the registration area of Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. This exhibit provides information on: the Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Course; the Commission on Cancer; the Committee on Trauma; Communications activities; the Development Program; Fellowship; Socioeconomic Affairs; and the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (JACS). The Resource Center will be open Sunday, October 22, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Monday, October 23, through Thursday, October 26, from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

# AWS program to consider leadership skills for women surgeons

On Sunday, October 22, the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) will convene its seventh annual meeting with a general session from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, Pontchartrain A.

Panelists for the session, which will examine leadership skills for women surgeons, include: Joan Cassell, PhD,

who will consider the strengths of women surgeons; Barbara Bass, MD, FACS, who will discuss attracting and recruiting women surgeons into leadership roles; Maria Allo, MD, FACS, who will discuss management skills in the surgical environment; and Susan Hershberg Adelman, MD, FACS, who will address ways for women to become involved in organized medicine.

The annual business meeting and luncheon will follow this session. AWS will elect its new officers and directors during this meeting and announce its 1995 award recipients.

Other AWS events to be held this week include a reception and dinner on Sunday evening at Arnaud's Restaurant, and a networking breakfast on Wednesday, October 25, from

7:00 to 9:00 am at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside, Grand Salon A.

Members and nonmembers are welcomed to attend all AWS events. For more information about the Association of Women Surgeons and its activities, contact the association at 414 Plaza Dr., Suite 209, Westmont, IL 60559, tel. 708/655-0392, fax 708/655-0391.

## College releases Cansur®Facs software package

The American College of Surgeons announces the release of its new oncology data management system, CansurFacs. The software package covers all aspects of oncology data collection, analysis, management, and reporting.

The goal of CansurFacs is to provide a powerful tool that enables the user to record and use oncology data internally, in addition to meeting all of the external requirements that are imposed by regulatory groups. Members of the Commission on Cancer and staff members of the ACS Cancer Department are active participants in the discussions and decision making that set the standards in cancer data collection throughout the country. CansurFacs software supports and complies with the North American Association of Central Registries' (NAACCR) format for transmitting data to the state. Other formats, including responding to the National Cancer Data Base's Call for Data, are available as well.

The CansurFacs software, released in June 1995, is an upgrade of the American College of Surgeons' CansurNET software. New features include expanded and enhanced data collection capabilities, which consist

of new College requirements, unlimited treatment collection (including nondefinitive), unlimited text recording, patient care evaluations, the ability to collect cancer screening program and referral to support services information, customized state-specific screens, and additional user-defined fields. CansurFacs also has a resourceful new follow-up design, a powerful report generator, and on-line help.

CansurFacs is available in Windows™ as a stand-alone or network system. The software can also be used by individual physicians. In order to assist users with the shift from a DOS to a Windows environment, leasing of a hardware/software package is available. Pricing is well below the competition, and training and toll-free customer support is included with the purchase. Currently, there are over 550 CansurNET users, many of whom are already converted to the new CansurFacs system.

While at the Clinical Congress, be sure to visit the CansurFacs booth in the exhibit hall for a hands-on demonstration. For more detailed information, contact the CansurFacs office at 800/854-2565.

## CME credit

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The American College of Surgeons designates that this continuing medical education offering also meets the criteria for hour-for-hour credit in Category 1 as outlined by the American Medical Association for the Physicians' Recognition Award.

To record your attendance for continuing education and recertification requirements, use the card inserted in the back of the official Program Book. If you have lost your card, you may obtain an extra copy at the Help Center in Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. These cards are for your personal record and in most circumstances do not need to be validated.



## Jim Henry is source for College jewelry

Jim Henry, Inc., has offered ACS Fellows official College ties and jewelry for over 40 years. The company began an association with the College in 1953, offering cuff links, tie bars, key chains with emblems, and charms for spouses. In 1955, Jim Henry began making the Fellowship certificates and expanded the line of accessories to include the ACS tie in two colors for men and women, blazer patches, blazer buttons, tie tacs, and more. Today, Jim Henry manufactures special plaques and desk accessories and a popular custom-designed ring with the College seal.

Jim Henry, Inc., is a family-owned business located in St. Charles, IL,

that was started in 1938. Today, it is managed by Jim Henry (president), his two sons, and other employees.

According to Mr. Henry: "We are very proud of the items we offer to the Fellows of the College. Indeed, the Fellowship certificate is one of the most beautiful and intricate documents we make, requiring some 16 runs through the engraving press. We feel privileged to have served the College, one of the most prestigious medical organizations in the world, for over 40 years."

Interested Fellows are encouraged to stop by the Jim Henry booth (2707) in the technical exhibit area.

## Allied Meetings

Please note: A number of medical school and alumni associations and surgical societies will have information booths, usually open the day of the event, in an area adjacent to the registration area in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

### Sunday

#### Morning

**Fischer Imaging Corporation**  
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Belle Chase.

**Surgical Biology Club I**  
7:30 am - 1:00 pm. Breakfast meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 1st floor, Grand Salon,  
Suite B, Section 11.

**Surgical Biology Club III**  
7:30 am - 4:40 pm. Meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Oak Alley.

**Lorad**  
8:00 am - 10:00 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, Ballroom 1.

**Surgical Biology Club II**  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Jasperwood.

**Association of Women Surgeons**  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Meeting.  
Sheraton, 3rd floor, Pontchartrain A.

**Surgical Biology Club III**  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Luncheon.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Rosedown.

#### Afternoon

**Association of Women Surgeons**  
12:00 noon - 1:30 pm. Luncheon.  
Sheraton, 3rd floor, Pontchartrain B.

**Association of VA Surgeons—Executive Council**  
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm. Luncheon.  
Marriott, 3rd floor, Mardi Gras B.

**Association for Surgical Education Research Committee**  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Meeting.  
Sheraton, 4th floor, Ellendale.

**American Association of Surgeon Assistants**  
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting.  
Marriott, 2nd floor, LaGalerie 2.

**Council of Chiefs—VA**  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting.  
Marriott, 3rd floor, Mardis Gras A.

**Surgical Outcome and Decision Analysis Club**  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Elmwood.

**Association for Surgical Education**  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting.  
Sheraton, 4th floor, Aurora.

#### Evening

**Association of VA Surgeons**  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception.  
Marriott, 3rd floor, Mardi Gras B.

**Parkland Surgical Society**  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Belle Chase.

**Karl Meyer Surgical Society, Surgical Alumni Association of Cook County Hospital**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 2nd floor, Marlborough,  
Suite A.

**Pediatric Surgery Biology Club**  
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Dinner.  
Hilton Riverside, 2nd floor, Marlborough,  
Suite B.

### Monday

#### Morning

**New York State Society of Surgeons**  
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Marriott, 3rd floor, Elmwood.

**Journal of Laparoendoscopic Surgery Editorial Board**  
7:00 am - 9:30 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Rosedown.

**Association of Surgical Education, Testing and Evaluation Committee**  
8:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Melrose.

#### Afternoon

**Mont Reid Surgical Society of the University of Cincinnati**  
12:00 noon - 2:00 pm. Luncheon.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Magnolia.

**American Association of Endocrine Surgeons**  
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Luncheon.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, Imperial.

**Applied Medical Resources**  
2:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Meeting.  
Marriott, 4th floor, Mardi Gras M.

**Cine-Med Needs Assessment Committee**  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Ancillary meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 1st floor, Grand Salon,  
Suite B, Section 10.

#### Evening

**Ohio State University Hospitals, Department of Surgery**  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 1st floor, Grand Salon,  
Suite A, Section 2.

**William Beaumont Hospital Surgical Alumni Association**  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception.  
Marriott, 3rd floor, Mardi Gras A.

**J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society**  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Royal Orleans, 1st floor, Ballroom.

**Brown University School of Medicine**  
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 4th floor, Bonaparte.

**University of California, San Francisco, Department of Surgery Alumni**  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Rosedown.

**University of South Alabama, College of Medicine, Medical Center, Department of Surgery**  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.  
Inter-Continental, 1st floor, Pelican 2.

**University of Oklahoma, Department of Surgery/University of Oklahoma Surgical Society**  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, Executive.

**Baystate Medical Center**  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, River 1.

**University of Kansas Medical Center/American College of Surgeons, Kansas Chapter**  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.  
Sheraton, 4th floor, Ellendale.

**University of Pennsylvania Medical Alumni Society and Department of Surgery**  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.  
Sheraton, 4th floor, Aurora.

**Massachusetts General Hospital**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 1st floor, Grand Ballroom, Suite D.

**Yale Surgical Society**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Magnolia.

**Brigham Surgical Alumni/ACS**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 1st floor, Grand Salon,  
Suite B, Section 10.

**Dartmouth Hitchcock Surgical Society**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, Chairman's.

**University of Connecticut School of Medicine**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Inter-Continental, 1st floor, Poydras.

**Wright State University, Department of Surgery**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
New Orleans Marriott, 2nd floor,  
LaGalleria 1.

**Stanford University, Department of Surgery**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Sheraton, 3rd floor, St. Charles B.

**St. Vincent's Surgical Society**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Marriott, 3rd floor, Mardi Gras C.

**University of Alabama School of Medicine, Alumni Association/Department of Surgery**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
New Orleans Marriott, 3rd floor, Mardi  
Gras H.

**American College of Surgeons, North Dakota Chapter and Alumni**  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception.  
Inter-Continental, 1st floor, Jackson.

**North Shore University Hospital**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Sheraton, 4th floor, Bayside A.

**American College of Surgeons, Illinois Chapter**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Sheraton, 3rd floor, Poydras.

**Mount Sinai Medical Center**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Sheraton, 4th floor, Bayside B.

**Hershey Surgical Society**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 1st floor, Grand Salon,  
Suite B, Section 11.

**Clarence Dennis Society/SUNY/HSCE Department of Surgery/Alumni Association**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, Ballroom II.

**Temple University Medical Alumni Association**  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 1st floor, Grand Salon,  
Suite A, Section 3.

**University of Texas Houston Surgical Alumni Association**  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, Salon

**Creighton University**  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.  
Inter-Continental, 1st floor, LaSalle C.

**Warren H. Cole Society President's Reception**  
6:30 pm. Reception/dinner.  
World Trade Center, Plimsoll Club,  
Galvez Room.

**Hospital of Saint Raphael, General Surgery, Alumni, and Staff**  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, River II.

**Saint Louis University Alumni**  
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm. Reception.  
Marriott, 2nd floor, LaGalerie 3.

**Emory University**  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 2nd floor, Marlborough,  
Suite A.

**John E. Connolly Surgical Society**  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, Cotton.

**University of Hawaii Integrated Surgical Residency Program**  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 1st floor, Grand Ballroom,  
Suite C.

**UCLA Department of Surgery**  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Oak Alley.

**Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery**  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Elmwood.

**Cornell University Medical College, Department of Surgery and Alumni**  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Belle Chase.

**UTMB-Singleton Surgical Society**  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 1st floor, Grand Salon,  
Suite A, Section 1.

**Good Samaritan Hospital—Cincinnati**  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.  
Aquarium of the Americas, 1st floor,  
Conference Room.

**M. D. Anderson Cancer Center**  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception.  
Inter-Continental, 2nd floor, Les Continents.

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**Spencer Surgical Society**  
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Reception/dinner.  
Inter-Continental, 1st floor, LaSalle B.

**National Medical Association Surgical Section**  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Horizons.

**University of Missouri-Columbia/ University of Missouri Surgical Society**  
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Reception.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, Imperial.

## Tuesday

### Morning

**CICD**  
6:30 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Belle Chase.

**General Surgery & Laparoscopy News**  
7:00 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Melrose.

**Journal of the American College of Surgeons Editorial Board**  
7:00 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Rosedown Room.

**Surgical Journal Editors**  
7:00 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Oak Alley.

**Association for Surgical Education— Committee on Computers**  
7:00 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 1st floor, Grand Salon, Suite A, Section 4.

**American College of Surgeons, Indiana Chapter**  
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Elmwood.

**Pan American Trauma Society**  
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Jasperwood.

**VA Cooperative Study #367**  
8:00 am - 12:00 am. Breakfast meeting.  
Westin Canal Place, 1st floor, Executive.

**Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract**  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Luncheon.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Oak Alley.

**Surgical Section, National Medical Association**  
11:30 am - 2:00 pm. Luncheon.  
Hilton Riverside, 3rd floor, Magnolia.

## Panel to examine OR efficiency

The ACS Committee on Operating Room Environment will sponsor a panel discussion on OR efficiency on Monday from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon, in Meeting Room 13-17 of Morial Convention Center. Joyce A. Majure, MD, FACS, will serve as moderator for the panel.

Presentations include: "The Success-

ful Operating Room Committee," by John Austin Ryan, Jr. MD, FACS, Seattle, WA; "Information Management: Use of Computer Database Systems in the Operating Room," by Rene Lafreniere, MD, FACS, Calgary, AB; and "Improving Quality of Care through Efficiency," by John C. Alexander, Jr., MD, FACS, Evanston, IL.

## SAGES program offers glimpse of future

**O**n-Line," "Capitation," and "Collaborative Surgery" are not just some of the latest medical buzzwords—all will play an important role in the practice of every surgeon in less than five years. The Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) addresses these issues during its membership meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 5:30 pm, at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel, La Galerie 4 and 6.

The program is open to all Congress attendees and includes the following panels: (1) "SAGES in Cyberspace"—a brief look at E-mail, Internet, and SAGES' new "home page." John Coller, MD, FACS, will be the presenter; (2) "Capitation Strategies for Inguinal Hernia Repair—which Repair?"—a comparison of hernia procedures and cost-effectiveness in capitated settings.

Moderated by Mohan Airan, MD, FACS, the panel will include lectures by Ira Rutkow, MD, FACS, and Maurice Arregui, MD, FACS, with a final commentary by William Traverso, MD, FACS; and (3) "Expanding Your Practice—New Technology Plays a Role"—an overview of new technology and collaborative procedures that may soon be incorporated into the practice of general surgery. Dr. Arregui will moderate this session.

SAGES was founded in 1981 to foster, promote, support, and encourage academic, clinical, and research achievement in gastrointestinal endoscopic surgery and currently has more than 3,000 members from the U.S. and abroad. SAGES members are general surgeons and colorectal surgeons who perform endoscopy and laparoscopy as part of their practice.

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## Convention surplus food will be sent to needy

According to figures from the Physician Task Force on Hunger in America, approximately 20 million Americans go hungry at least a few days each month. In recent years, food assistance organizations in 62 percent of major U.S. cities had to turn people away because of lack of resources.

In an effort to lower these sobering statistics, the College, through the Professional Convention Management

Association's (PCMA) "Network for the Needy," will donate surplus goods from Clinical Congress-related meetings and activities. The PCMA network is composed of meeting professionals and bureau executives from major cities across the country.

For more information about Network for the Needy, contact PCMA at 100 Vestavia Office Park, Ste. 220, Birmingham, AL 35216; tel. 205/823-7262.

# College offers benefit plans to Fellows

The College recently announced three new benefit plans for Fellows, Associate Fellows, and participants in the Candidate Group:

**ACS Cost Advantage Medical Plan.** This plan offers the same comprehensive medical coverage as the conventional indemnity plan, but at a premium that is 15 percent lower. Certain cost-containment features, including utilization review, a transplant network, and hospice care make this lower premium possible. The plan preserves the principles of freedom of choice of providers, quality of care, and cost savings. Other features include a \$2 million lifetime maximum per insured family member, a wide range of deductible amounts,

co-insurance percentages to help limit out-of-pocket expenses, and, of course, the stability and strength of the ACS Insurance Trust.

**ACS Individual Fixed Annuity.** The ACS Insurance Trust offers an opportunity for tax-deferred earnings at an enhanced fixed interest rate. Lincoln National Life, the nation's leading provider of individual fixed annuities (IFA), has developed an annuity especially for College members by adding certain enhancements to Lincoln's basic product—enhancements that give our IFA a strong competitive advantage in the marketplace. Find out how this new IFA will complement your retirement and/or investment portfolios regardless of your

age, type of practice, or existing investments.

To learn more about the Cost Advantage Medical Plan, the Individual Fixed Annuity, and the other fine insurance plans sponsored by the ACS Insurance Trust, visit the ACS Insurance Program exhibit booth 1736 or contact the plan administrator at 800/433-1672.

**MBNA Financial Services.** The College offers an exclusive credit card to Fellows through MBNA America—a card issuer noted for timely, personalized service at no annual fee. In addition to the many attractive features of this program, the credit card bears the College Seal, identifying the user as a Fellow. Every purchase that is made us-

ing the card generates revenue to support the scientific and educational programs of the College, at absolutely no cost to the Fellows.

MBNA offers several other financial services that are highlighted in an article found elsewhere on this page. For more information on the credit card program, as well as an application, please visit the MBNA exhibit booth (2070) or call MBNA at 800/847-7378.

The College is interested in your reaction to these new programs. When you visit the ACS Insurance Program exhibit booth, please complete a comment card so we may continue to develop programs that address your needs and provide a real benefit to Fellows.

## ACS introduces financial services for Fellows

The American College of Surgeons has entered into an agreement with MBNA America to offer a member benefit program consisting of a variety of financial services for Fellows, Associate Fellows, and participants in the Candidate Group. These services include:

**ACS MasterCard Card® and/or Visa®.** These new credit cards have been designed with the College Seal to identify Fellows of the College. Some of the features of the card include a competitive interest rate, no annual fee, free additional cards for family members, answers to credit line increase requests within 30 minutes, automatic fraud protection, and credit card registration.

Each time the card is used, MBNA will commit a modest percentage of every purchase to provide direct support for the scientific and educational programs of the College.

Applications are reviewed to ensure that Fellows receive the highest credit lines possible, up to \$50,000. The introductory annual percentage rate (APR) on cash advances make it ideal for reducing interest payments by consolidating other cards or personal loans.

**ACS GoldOption.** The ACS GoldOption is a unique line of credit that offers Fellows of the College a fixed payment line with low monthly payments. With an APR of 13.9 percent, the ACS GoldOption account is

perfect for bill consolidation or major expenditures, such as home improvements. Please refer to this keycode when contacting MBNA America: VAOH/74995299/139.

**ACS GoldPortfolio®.** The GoldPortfolio includes ACS GoldSavers® and ACS GoldCertificates® CD accounts. GoldSavers is a money market deposit account that lets the Fellow earn above-market rates. Interest is com-

pounded daily using the Donoghue MONEY FUND AVERAGE™ as the base rate on balances of \$2,500 or more. GoldCertificate CD accounts offer terms of six months to five years and have a \$2,500 minimum deposit.

Further information regarding financial services for Fellows is available by contacting MBNA America at 800/847-7378.

Transaction fee for bank and ATM cash advances: 2 percent of each cash advance (\$2 minimum, \$25 maximum). Transaction fee for Premium Access checks cash advances 1 percent of each cash advance (\$2 minimum, \$10 maximum). Transaction fee for two specially designated Premium Access checks will be waived.

APRs are subject to change.

## ACS text undergoes expansion, enters digital arena

*Scientific American Surgery* (SAS), the surgical textbook published by Scientific American Medicine under the aegis of the American College of Surgeons, has been expanded and revised to offer increased coverage of surgical techniques (in nine new chapters along with the six previously published) and of the management of common diagnostic and therapeutic dilemmas facing general surgeons (in nine new clinical, problem-based chapters).

All nine of the technique chapters, originally intended to be published over a three-year period, are scheduled for publication in the 1996 quarterly updates to SAS. These chapters will address surgical procedures on the thyroid and parathyroid, breast, esophagus, stomach, biliary tract, pancreas, intestines, rectum, and anus. In particular, the chapters will include "tricks and traps" from well-known master sur-

geons (such as John Cameron, MD, FACS, John Sawyers, MD, FACS, and Ira Kodner, MD, FACS).

Of immediate interest is the entry of SAS into the digital arena. A beta version of SAS-CD—the CD-ROM version of SAS—will be on display at booth 3207 in the technical exhibit area. SAS-CD is user-friendly and offers a number of unique features—such as the ability to navigate text by means of direct connections from the main chapter algorithms, a key component of the printed version of the text. SAS-CD will also include all of the information in SAS, including all tables and color illustrations, and will offer powerful and flexible searching and printing capabilities.

Like SAS, SAS-CD will be updated quarterly. Both Windows and Macintosh versions of SAS-CD will be available—the Windows version is scheduled to be released first, with

the Macintosh version to follow within six months.

The fall 1995 SAS update features: "Trauma Resuscitation," by Eugene Moore, MD, FACS, and Frederick Moore, MD, FACS; "Bleeding," by F. William Blaisdell, MD, FACS; "Life-Threatening Electrolyte Abnormalities," by Kimberly Van Zee, MD, and Stephen Lowry, MD, FACS; "Cardiopulmonary Monitoring," by James Holcroft, MD, FACS, Jerome Abrams, MD, FACS, and Frank Cerra, MD, FACS; "Eicosanoids in Surgery," by Martin Weiser, MD, James Hill, MB, Thomas Lindsay, MD, and Herbert Hechtman, MD, FACS; "Non-AIDS Immunosuppression," by Carl Nohr, MD, PhD, FACS; and "Bowel Preparation," by Ronald Lee Nichols, MD, FACS.

The winter 1996 SAS update will include: "Gastric Procedures," by John Sawyer, MD, FACS; "Upper Gastrointes-

tinal Bleeding," by Richard Schlinkert, MD, FACS, and Keith Kelly, MD, FACS; "Skin Preparation," by Byron Masterson, MD, FACS; "Cytokines and the Cellular Response to Injury and Infection," by Yuman Fong, MD, and Stephen Lowry, MD, FACS; "Pulmonary Dysfunction," by Robert Demling, MD, FACS; and "Infection Control in Surgical Practice," by A. Peter McLean, MD, and Catherine Dixon, RN.

Along with the loose-leaf text, subscribers may opt to receive 30 hours of category 2 CME credit for their reading at no extra cost. This program is accredited by the American College of Surgeons.

For additional information, visit booth 3207 in the technical exhibit area or contact Scientific American Medicine at 415 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10017-1111; tel. 800/545-0554, fax 212/980-3062.

# JACS celebrates 90 years of excellence

**S**ince its inception, JACS—the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (formerly SURGERY, Gynecology & Obstetrics)—has been the preeminent source of practical information for surgeons. Founded in 1905 by Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS, its special mission was to produce a noncommercial surgical journal published by surgeons for surgeons. The first surgical journal

of its kind, the journal was received with great enthusiasm by the surgical community.

In the September 1910 issue of SURGERY, Gynecology & Obstetrics, Dr. Martin invited surgeons to Chicago to attend two weeks of operative clinics and literary programs covering surgical subjects. While Dr. Martin and his staff expected 200 visitors, over 1,300 doctors attended the Clinical Congress

of Surgeons of North America. It was quickly decided to hold these meetings annually. A few years later, in 1913, Dr. Martin, with the journal's editors and subscribers, founded the American College of Surgeons. For the better part of this century, the American College of Surgeons and the journal have fostered the highest scientific and ethical standards to further the practice of surgery.

This year, JACS celebrates 90 years of publishing excellence. Complimentary copies of the September and October issues of JACS are available at the registration area as well as at the JACS booth in the ACS Resource Center, where attendees are invited to stop by for a free gift. Staff will be available to answer questions or to renew subscriptions.

## NLM database program available to Fellows

**F**ellows of the College can continue to enjoy virtually unlimited on-line access to the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) databases—including MEDLINE—for a flat fee of \$200 per year. (Canadian Fellows will have to pay an additional charge for telecommunications costs.) The College recently renewed its contract with NLM to offer this special arrangement for its members. Normally, NLM charges fees that average \$18 per hour, and the NLM estimates that the average cost of a Grateful Med search is \$1.25.

For the \$200 annual fee, subscribers obtain:

- One year of access to MEDLINE—the world-renowned database that contains over seven million references to medical journal articles from 1966 to the present.
- Access to NLM's 40-plus other databases, which cover topics such as cancer protocol (PDQ), AIDS (AIDS-LINE), and toxicology (TOXLINE).
- A copy of Grateful Med software for IBM-compatible or Macintosh PCs.
- NLM's bimonthly publication, *Gratefully Yours*.
- Technical support via a toll-free

number.

- Access to training and assistance from the NLM's 3,500-member National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

In addition, NLM's "Lonesome Doc" program will link users with a hospital or other medical library so that they can obtain printed copies of entire articles (libraries may charge a fee for this service, which would not be covered by the \$200 fee).

The American College of Surgeons and the National Library of Medicine emphasize that this arrangement is designed for individual use and is not meant to be shared with multiple users.

New members will be sent a user ID code-password, documentation, and customer service telephone numbers. This packet of information will be mailed within five working days as applications are received.

The National Technical Information Service will send the Grateful Med software to members within 10 working days after the application is received.

To obtain a copy of a brochure that outlines the program and includes an application form, stop by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine booth #3005 in the technical exhibit area.

## Clinitapes/Express tapes available

Thirty-three of the Named Lectures, General Sessions, and Surgical Specialties are being recorded as Express Tapes. They will be shipped to you immediately following the Clinical Congress.

### Express Tapes

- NL1 The Joy and Solace of Surgery
- NL2 The Evolution of Carotid Endarterectomy
- NL4 In Pursuit of Optimal Care
- NL5 The Gift of Life: Ethical Issues in Organ Transplantation
- NL6 The Management of Soft Tissue Sarcoma
- NL7 Biotechnology and the Human Genome Project: Catalyzing a Revolution in Medicine of the 21st Century
- NL9 Controlling Health Care Expenditures at the End of Life
- GS4 Cost-Effective Surgical Care: Global and Local Strategies
- GS5 New Approaches to Surgery of the Liver
- GS6 Teaching Technical Skills
- GS8 Compartment Syndromes
- GS10 Surgery in the Elderly Patient
- GS11 From Animals to Humans—Genetic Manipulation to Produce New Organs for Transplantation
- GS14 The Surgeon and Ultrasound
- GS16 New Clinical and Biological Frontiers

GS17 Correlative Clinic, Case #2: Breast Cancer: Changing Preoperative and Intraoperative Strategies

GS19 Violence in Our Society and the Surgeon's Role and Responsibility

GS25 Breast Tumors — Changes in Management

GS27 Reimbursement for Surgery

GS27A When Should Patients Be Offered Stereotactic Breast Biopsy?

GS29 Extrahepatic Biliary Injuries and Strictures

GS30 Practical Considerations in the Ethics of Limiting Care

GS31 Optimizing Professional Reimbursement for the Surgeon Performing Trauma and Surgical Critical Care

GS32 Breast Cancer: Did the NSABP Difficulty Change Anything?

GS33 Outcomes Research in Surgery: How Practical Is it for Me, My Institution, My Specialty?

MD1A What Happens When You Are Excluded from a Managed Care Contract?

MD2 How to Practice Ethically in an Unethical Environment

CR1 Controversies in Crohn's Disease

CR2 Trauma of the Colon, Rectum, and Anus

NS3 Brain Death and Organ Salvage in the Head-Injured Patient

UR1 Emerging Therapies of BPH

UR2 Management of Stage "A" Prostate Carcinoma

VA3 Current Status of Endovascular Treatment of Peripheral Vascular Disease

### ACS Clinitapes

Thirteen of the Postgraduate Courses are being recorded as ACS Clinitapes. They will be edited in a listener-friendly format and shipped directly to you five weeks after the Clinical Congress. All ACS Clinitape Postgraduate Courses meet Category 1 CME requirements. With each Postgraduate Course you will receive an ACS CME credit pack.

PG3 Diseases of the Liver, Biliary Tract, and Pancreas

PG5 Trauma—From Injury to the Operating Room: Patient Management Guidelines

PG7 Minimally Invasive Surgery

PG9 Pediatric Surgery: Surgical Problems of the Liver, Pancreas, and Spleen

PG10 Current Controversies in Cancer Management

PG11 Urological Surgery — Incontinence: Male and Female

PG12 Colon and Rectal Surgery

PG13 Plastic Surgery: Current Treatment of Venous Stasis Ulcers

PG14 Otorhinolaryngology: The Management of Head and Neck Trauma

PG15 Surgical Basic Science: The Microbiology and Immunology of Wound Infection

PG17 Peripheral Vascular Surgery

PG19 Professional Liability and Risk Management in a Changing Health Care Environment

PG21 Practice Selection and Management

## Donor pins available

Attendees of this year's Clinical Congress are encouraged to visit the philanthropy booth in the ACS Resource Center, which is located in the Morial Convention Center. For any size contribution to the ACS Scholarship Endowment Fund, individuals will receive a special lapel

pin that signifies your support. The fund provides over \$800,000 annually for resident scholarships and faculty fellowships.

Information regarding the Fellows Leadership Society and additional philanthropic programs will also be available to Congress participants.

## Congress Notes

### Program participants may review slides and films

Beginning on Sunday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, participants may review their slides and films in the Speaker Ready Room, MR 53-54 in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

### Ticket holders

Postgraduate course tickets are sized to fit into the Congress badge holders. You can keep track of your ticket(s) by sliding it into the holder behind your badge and revealing it at the door as you enter the course room.

### Portraits

Arrangements have been made with Oscar & Associates to photograph Initiates and Fellows of the College who desire to have full color or black-and-white portraits taken in fellowship robes. A photographer will be available in the Initiates Registration Area (Hall F) of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center during the following times: Sunday from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm, and Friday from 7:30 am until 12:00 noon.

It is suggested that you arrange for your sitting as early in the week as possible. Oscar & Associates will have an assortment of official fellowship caps and gowns available for your use. There is no charge for the sitting itself. Proofs will be viewed in full color, from which you may order either color or black-and-white finished photographs. A schedule of rates is available at the studio and appointment desk.

Initiates and Fellows who elect to be photographed will see their "proofs" via video screen immediately after their sitting. Although the photography is done by conventional process, an Eastman Kodak electronic previewing system will be used, which allows for simultaneous recording on film and video. This system allows the subject to select favorite views prior to leaving the studio area. Make sure you allow time to be photographed in this new manner.

### Exhibit rules

More than 150 scientific and approximately 400 technical exhibits will be on display in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Hours are: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Monday through Wednesday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Thursday.

Persons 16 years of age or older who are accompanying surgeons are welcome to tour the exhibit areas. They must register and pay \$25 at the Social Program Registration Area in the

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Children under the age of 16 will not be admitted to the exhibit areas.

Medical students, nurses, and allied health personnel may tour the exhibit areas without charge, provided they are registered and have a name badge.

Spouses who register for the Social Program may use the badge they receive to enter the exhibit areas. All other persons registered for the Clinical Congress may gain admittance by showing their official badge.

### Help Center

The Help Center, located in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Hall F, can provide you with messages, information about the programs and related activities, and names of persons registered and their hotels. Inquiries concerning the Clinical Congress may be made at the Help Center.

It will not be possible to page individuals or to make announcements. If you wish to reach someone attending the Congress, call 504/552-5001 and ask that the message be posted. Also, if you are expecting a call, please check the postings whenever you are in or near the registration area. Please leave the number with your office or with anyone who might want to reach you this week.

The hours of the Help Center are the same as those of the Registration desk: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Sunday, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 am to 12:00 noon Friday.

### Surgical Forum

The complete papers for most of the 321 titles presented in this year's Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems are published in the *Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum, Volume XLVI*, which is on sale during and after the Congress for \$25 per copy. Volumes are available in the general Registration area of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

### Clinitapes

Many of the general sessions, specialty sessions, major lectures, and post-graduate courses will be recorded on audiocassettes. These tapes will be available in approximately five weeks.

The program sessions to be recorded are identified in the official Program Book by a code (e.g., CC95-GS2) printed next to the session.

The tapes are reproduced under rigid quality standards to ensure accurate playback. The sessions are not edited except for the introduction.

Express tapes will be available for selected general sessions, named lectures, and specialty sessions (see related article, page 11).

Additional information on both the ACS/Clinitapes and the Express Tapes will be available during the Clinical Congress at the ACS/Clintape booth located in the registration area.

### Lost and found

Lost and found areas will be located in the ACS Convention and Exhibit Office at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Mezzanine Suite E, and in the Convention Office at the New Orleans Riverside Hilton and Towers, Newberry Room, Third Floor.

### Caps and gowns

Distribution will be on Thursday, October 26, from 1:30 pm until the Convocation ceremony begins, in the Grand Ballroom of the New Orleans Riverside Hilton and Towers. Caps and gowns may be turned in Thursday in the Grand Ballroom of the New Orleans Riverside Hilton and Towers, at the conclusion of the Convocation.

### Friends of Bill W

Friends of Bill W will meet Sunday through Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in the New Orleans Riverside Hilton and Towers, Third Floor, Melrose Room.

## Registration, locations, and hours

If you have received your credentials for the Clinical Congress, to verify your attendance simply turn in your attendance verification card at an advance registration desk to receive a badge holder and Program Book. The registration area at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center will be open Sunday, October 22, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Monday, October 23 through Thursday, October 26, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm. As a convenience, advance registration will be open Sunday only from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at the New Orleans Riverside Hilton and Towers and ITT Sheraton New Orleans.

If you received a badge or Postgraduate Course ticket in the mail, you can redeem your verification card for a badge holder, Program Book, and PG manual at these locations.

## Surgical Forum includes section on outcomes/quality assessment

Eleven papers have been scheduled for presentation in a new section of the Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum that is devoted to outcomes assessment and quality of life issues. The session, which was developed to meet the growing research interest in the outcomes and quality assessment fields, will be held Monday, October 25, from 1:30 to 5:00 pm, in the Ernest Morial Convention Center, MR 64-66. William H. Coles, MD, FACS, Buffalo, NY, will serve as moderator.

Papers will represent studies from various disciplines. Based on the current intense focus on these areas in surgery and in the medical profession at large, it is anticipated that this section will become a permanent part of the Surgical Forum.

The 1995 volume of the *Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum*, containing summaries of the reports given at the sessions, is on sale in the Clinical Congress registration area of the convention center.

## Postal services available to Congress attendees

The College, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service in New Orleans, is making a full-service post office available to Congress attendees. The post office is located in the lobby next to Hall E of the Ernest

Morial Convention Center.

The post office will feature a special pictorial cancellation with the College Seal, which can be stamped on postcards or anything that has first-class postage affixed to it.

## No smoking

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center is a nonsmoking building; therefore, the College requests that you refrain from smoking on the premises.